



General Assembly

February Session, 2012

Raised Bill No. 5338

LCO No. 571

00571_____AGE

Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID LONG-TERM CARE COVERAGE
FOR MARRIED COUPLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of subsection (g) of section 17b-261 of the general statutes,
3 the Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state
4 plan to require that the spouse of an institutionalized person who is
5 applying for Medicaid receives the maximum community spouse
6 protected amount, as determined pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5. The
7 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of
8 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
-----------	---------------------	-------------

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the spouse of an institutionalized individual seeking Medicaid benefits to keep the maximum community spouse protected amount, as determined by federal law.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]